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Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, the House Committee on Appropriations wants to eliminate the gun buyback program at the Nation's public housing authorities. This just makes no sense.

Last week, a first grader killed another first grader with a handgun. Yesterday, four people in Memphis were killed in what started as a domestic dispute but ended when a gunman shot to death his wife, two firefighters, and a sheriff's deputy.

The daily gun violence in this country is a national problem. It calls for a national solution.

The American people know that 13 children are killed every day by gun violence. Meanwhile, the Congress has done nothing. Now the leadership has directed the House appropriations to eliminate the Department of Housing Urban Development's gun buyback program. This program has been highly successful in partnering police with housing officers to remove guns from public housing and in curbing gun violence.

In fact, Memphis, the site of Wednesday's gun killings, would lose its buyback program and so would 80 public housing authorities across the Nation.

The supplemental appropriations bill now has language in it that rescinds more than \$700,000 from the gun buyback program.

Mr. Speaker, this is crazy. When we have programs that work, we should not take them back. We have a moral obligation to reduce gun violence in this country.

A GREAT VICTORY FOR JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON, IN ELIMINATING THE SCOURGE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS

(Mr. WALDEN of Oregon asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the efforts of law enforcement officers in Jackson County, Oregon. Yesterday, 110 law enforcement officers from the FBI, Drug Enforcement Agency, IRS, INS, the Social Security Administration and the Jackson County Narcotics Enforcement Team, also called Jacnet, shut down a drug ring that was thought to supply 90 percent of the area's heroin and most of its methamphetamines.

Nineteen people were arrested; 28 houses and vehicles were searched in this early morning bust.

Mr. Speaker, this is a great victory for the work to protect our communities from the scourge of illegal narcotics, and I congratulate the law enforcement personnel who were involved.

The bust is also a great victory for cooperative collaborative counter-drug efforts. Jacnet is itself made up of people of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, the Oregon State Police, Medford and Central Point Police Departments, and the Oregon National Guard. Add Federal agencies and we have all levels of government working together to fight drugs, and it works.

That is why I am working to increase funding for the federally-designated High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas, including Jackson County.

Mr. Speaker, this is a program that works, and I intend to keep pursuing it. I congratulate those law enforcement agencies that were involved in making our communities safer.

AT A TIME OF EXTRAORDINARY PROSPERITY, THE MINIMUM WAGE SHOULD BE INCREASED

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, today we have an opportunity to vote on a measure that will truly make a difference in the lives of all Americans and that is an increase in the minimum wage. At this time of extraordinary prosperity, hard-working Americans deserve to have a much needed raise, to bring the minimum wage closer to a living standard.

Unfortunately, once again, the Republican leadership is attempting to delay, to derail this meaningful legislation. I call upon that leadership to end their delay tactics and allow a fair vote on this bill. This increase in the minimum wage should not be tied to an irresponsible \$120 billion tax package that will benefit only the richest of the rich, the super rich. Instead, we should be voting for an alternative which would provide a much needed increase in minimum wage and responsible tax relief for small businesses.

It is time for us to do the right thing. It is time for us to raise that minimum wage fifty cents this year, fifty cents next year from \$5.15 to \$6.15. We send a message if we do that, that we honor their hard work, commitment and dedication.

DR. JONES, A MODERN DAY DR. MENGELA WHEN IT COMES TO SELLING BABY BODY PARTS

(Mr. TANCREDO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, last night I watched in amazement as the owner of a company, Opening Lines, made it known in a 20/20 undercover investigation that his company is in the business of selling fetal tissue for profit.

When asked by the actor posing as a potential investor how much they could make from selling body parts, Dr. Miles Jones, the owner of Opening Lines and a pathologist, stated, "It is market force. It is whatever it can go for."

He went on to say that a single fetus could make his company up to \$2,500.

Mr. Speaker, this is in blatant defiance of the law passed in 1993 under the NIH Reauthorization Act, namely that baby body parts cannot be sold for valuable consideration.

The Hippocratic Oath has gone out the window and been replaced by greed.

Dr. Jones went on further to state, over drinks and dinner at a fine restaurant, that his dream job would be to operate down in Mexico where laws are less stringent and where he could set up a system reminiscent of an assembly line.

This makes me sick. I am grateful that the Subcommittee on Health and Environment is holding a hearing today, in fact, to look into this barbaric issue. It is time that Congress gets off the sidelines, sheds the light of day on people like Dr. Jones, or should I say a modern day Dr. Mengela.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1695, IVANPAH VALLEY AIRPORT PUBLIC LANDS TRANSFER ACT

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 433 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 433

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1695) to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal public lands in the Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to Clark County, Nevada, for the development of an airport facility, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. The amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the